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RETURNED SERVICEMEN'S BADGES BILL, 1958.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

THE object of this Bill is to prohibit the unauthorised wearing and possession of membership badges issued by certain specified associations of returned servicemen.

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Relating to the wearing and possession of membership badges issued by certain associations of returned servicemen; and for purposes connected therewith.

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Returned Servicemen's Short title: Badges Act, 1958".

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Returned Servicemen's Badges.

2. In this Act—

Interpretation.

5 "Returned serviceman's badge" means a badge issued by a returned servicemen's association for the purpose of indicating that the person to whom the badge is issued is a member of that association.

"Returned servicemen's association" means any body whose name appears in the Schedule to this Act.

3. (1) A person shall not wear or, without lawful excuse, have in his possession—

Unauthorised wearing or possession of badges.

10 (a) a returned serviceman's badge unless he is a member of the returned servicemen's association by which it was issued; or

15 (b) a badge, not being a returned serviceman's badge, similar to a returned serviceman's badge or so nearly similar thereto as to be likely to deceive :

20 Provided that a person shall not be guilty of an offence against this subsection by reason only of the fact that after he has ceased to be a member of a returned servicemen's association he wears or has in his possession a returned serviceman's badge issued to him by that association while he was a member of it.

25 (2) A person guilty of an offence against this section shall be liable for a first offence to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds and for a subsequent offence to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month.

(3) All proceedings for offences against this section shall be disposed of summarily before a stipendiary magistrate or two justices in petty sessions.

Returned Servicemen's Badges.

SCHEDULE.

Sec. 2.

- Australian Flying Corps and Royal Australian Air Force Association (New South Wales Division).
- Limbless Soldiers Association, New South Wales.
- 5 Partially Blinded Soldiers' Association of Australia (New South Wales Branch).
- T.B. Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Association of New South Wales.
- The Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia (New South Wales Branch).
- 10 The Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Association of Australia (New South Wales Branch).
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